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An issue of public use or on sale activity has been raised in this application. In order for the examiner to properly consider patentability of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. 102(b), additional information regarding this issue is required as follows: The present claims recite a pump that is capable of exhausting gas to atmospheric pressure. Is the pump that is described in the IDS filed July 25, 2002, in the CIP parent application 09/220,153, capable of exhausting gas to atmospheric pressure?

Applicant is reminded that failure to fully reply to this requirement for information will result in a holding of abandonment.

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